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Most area schools lose students

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Young people are moving out of the Texas Panhandle when they graduate from high school and they aren't coming back. Some are getting married, having children and moving to large urban areas where opportunities abound.

Veteran workers are being laid off from their jobs, and seeking work in other locations. Job opportunities are no longer plentiful in the region.

The above reasons were given by area school educators to explain the continuing student enrollment decline in the Panhandle.

Pampa Independent School District enrollment is down

approximately 100 students over last year, said PISD Superintendent Dawson Orr. The enrollment is currently 3,545. At this time last year, Pampa had 3,650 students.

He said the enrollment decline parallels the economic trends at the past several years.

"The decline has been steady over the past 10 years. We budgeted for the loss of 100 students," said Orr. "The enrollment projections were based from data which includes the decline in utility connections. We have fewer families and fewer children."

Orr said much of the Panhandle is experiencing the same trends as many of the younger people are moving to

metropolitan areas. "While the state is experiencing growth, the higher percentage of adults of child bearing years are moving out of the rural areas. Thus, we don't have as many students coming into our schools in the Panhandle."

Pampa has 1,106 students at Pampa High, 780 students at Pampa Middle School, 439 students at Austin Elementary, 377 students at Wilson Elementary, 432 students at Lamar Elementary, 374 students at Travis Elementary and 37 students at Pampa Learning Center, with a total of 3,545.

Borger schools are also feeling the effects of a declining enrollment. Superintendent Larry Coffman said BISSD has 3,017 students enrolled in the Borger sys-

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Dr. Dawson Orr

tem compared to 3,086 a year ago.

"We lost students again," said



Coffman. "We've had a lot of moving in and out. Phillips (See SCHOOLS, Page 2)



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Red Cross chapter sets CPR classes

PAMPA Two Community CPR classes are scheduled next month. The first one is Sept. 11 from 6-10 p.m. and the second class will be Sept. 19 from 3-7 p.m. Both classes will be at the American Red Cross building, at 108 N. Russell. As classes fill up fast, call 669-7121 to reserve a space.

Judge blasts Texas over children's health

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas' failure to live up to a 1996 agreement to make major improvements to its Medicaid program is hurting poor children, a federal judge has found in ruling that the state has not adequately cared for 1.5 million low-income youngsters.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice says the state was not adequately providing dental care, regular checkups, transportation to doctors or information about what services are available to children in Medicaid, despite its promise four years ago to make changes.

The decision immediately became fodder for the presidential candidates, with Democrat Al Gore criticizing Republican rival George W. Bush, the governor of Texas. Gore's campaign cited the ruling as an example of what it says is Bush's lack of leadership on child health issues.

The vice president regularly complains that there are 1.4 million Texas children without health insurance and that Bush tried to limit eligibility for a new program.

- Jo Morris, 73, artist, volunteer
- Dr. Victor Lee Trammell, 63, former pathologist at Highland General Hospital.

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Local family still aches to find missing woman

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A local family has opened a special bank account in order to raise a reward leading to information on the location of a Pampa woman who disappeared last fall.

Monica Lynn Appleton, 30, disappeared last October. Her brother and mother fear foul play.

They have opened an account, the Monica Appleton Fund, at the Pampa branch of the First State Bank of Miami, 120 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, to raise money for a reward for information leading to the location of Appleton and the arrest and conviction of those respon-



Monica Lynn Appleton disappeared from the streets of Amarillo last October. The photo at right was taken during happier times. The one at left was taken about the time she disappeared. Her family fears foul play.



Appleton left behind two children, Lex and Leslie Larue. Appleton's family in Pampa is trying to raise money for a reward.

sible for her disappearance. "All donations, regardless of how small, will be appreciated," said her brother, Donny Brown. "Your contribution, the price of a soft drink, can make a difference."

Brown said the family is looking for closure in the case.

The 5-foot-5, 111-pound Pampa woman has hazel eyes and blond hair. She was last seen by her mother Oct. 13, 1999, on Northwest 17th Street in Amarillo.

"At the time, she appeared scared but would not go with my mother," Brown said.

Law enforcement officers and the family have followed up lead after lead during the past year, he said, but to no avail.

"The people that I have interviewed have stated that they are scared and don't want to end up like Monica," Brown said.

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Lipscomb readies for big celebration

Parade, dedications, trail ride

LIPSCOMB - Saturday, Sept. 2, marks the beginning of Lipscomb County's Millennium Celebration, which also includes a trail ride along Wolf Creek.

A full day of celebration, observances and dedications is planned, beginning with a parade in Lipscomb at 10 a.m. In addition to a free barbecue after the parade, vendors will be providing authentic Mexican food, bierox, hamburgers, bake sale items, funnel cakes and homemade ice cream.

Craft booths range from handmade wood crafts, furniture, and birdhouses to jewelry and quilts. Other booths include the Work Force Booth, Booster Booth, and Political Booth.

Organizers of the trail ride encourage trail riders to arrive in time to register, ride in the parade, and eat at the free barbecue afterwards. The trail ride begins following a performance of the 4th Cavalry Memorial Regiment at 1 p.m. The trail consists of two loops along Wolf Creek. Riders not wanting to make a long ride can ride the first loop only.

Participants will meet at the arena on Highway 305 at Lipscomb. Negative Coggins tests are required and will be checked upon arrival. Trail riders can enter the ride by signing a release and showing their Coggins tests between 10 a.m. and 12 noon at the arena. A responsible adult must accompany children. Kicking horses must

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Genealogy help available at library

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Interested in researching your family history? Help is available at the local library.

John Mead, staff member at the Lovett Memorial Library, has recently compiled an eleven-page booklet to assist local residents who are interested in local history and genealogy use the library resources.

The free brochure is available at the library.

Some of the resources described in the booklet are one of a kind which have been compiled by Mead. Included are obituaries from past McClain newspapers as well as a scrapbook of articles pertaining to the Pampa Army Airfield.

Additional local resources which have been obtained by the library for area residents' use are Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Pampa in 1929 and 1939 on microfilm, United States Geological Survey maps covering Gray County, and microfilmed records pertaining to the Pampa Army Air Field from 1942 to 1945.

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Pampa Team Policing — a year later

A red, blue or green bar on the officer's epaulettes signify each officer's team. A fourth team, the Gold Team, consists of administrative personnel and narcotics officers.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

A year after Pampa Police Department implemented an innovative team concept to its organizational structure, officials believe the concept remains sound but hampered by lack of personnel.

"The first six months it was great," commented Lt. Kenneth Hopson, one of three team leaders. "When we had enough people, it was fantastic. The most each of us was carrying was five or six cases."

"It's a real battle with the number of troops," said Lt. Fred Courtney, another

team leader. "I was one of the ones pushing the idea. I thought it was a good deal. When you have seven officers, it's a really good deal."

The concept originated more than a year ago as Police Chief Charlie Morris and Deputy Chief Terry Young discussed ways to handle inevitable personnel cut-backs due to decreased revenues.

"We were looking at a lot of cuts and looking at the maximum use of resources," Young said. "We were talking about how we could best use the resources we had."

At the time, the police department had a criminal investigation division (CID), plus three patrol units. Morris and Young decided to eliminate the detective division and create three teams — Red Team, Blue Team, and Green Team. These teams would each be led by a lieutenant supervising six officers.

A red, blue or green bar on the officer's epaulettes signify each officer's team. A fourth team, the Gold Team, consists of administrative personnel and narcotics officers.

"The concept is real simple. It's simplicity itself," Young said. Each team would be autonomous, he explained, responsible for taking care of its own cases, overtime, days off, etc. Each officer is permanently assigned to a team with experienced officers divided evenly among the teams.

"They were encouraged to be problem solvers, particularly any problems they came up against while they were working," he said.

For example, Young said Blue Team members decided to form a mounted patrol to work the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Morris and Young had hoped that the team concept would result in lower case loads for each officer and a higher number of cases being solved.

Lt. Charlie Love, a veteran police officer who has seen both the traditional organizational structure and team concept in action, said he believes his team's case load is as high and the number of cases being solved isn't much different from when CID handled the cases. He also attributes the problems to the shortage of officers.

Courtney said his team is having to "do a lot of overtime" to keep up with the current caseload. But, at the same time, he was also proud because his team had gathered enough evidence to obtain three warrants during one shift.

Young said steps are already under way to solve the shortage of officers, including the Cadet Program and recruitment efforts for certified officers which had begun before the Cadet Program.

"Within two weeks, hopefully we will have three people added to the force," he said. After the Police Academy, another three officers will join the teams, he added. "There's no flaws in the concept," Hopson said. "When you start out with seven and go to four — it's just too much work."

Young said he does not anticipate any changes in the Team Concept, although some changes have been made during the past year to accommodate fewer personnel.

"When we put it together, we thought of it as a living entity that would change on its own as it needed," he said.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more

information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM
During the month of September, The Science Spectrum and OMNI-MAX Theatre, 2579 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, will present the following three films "Michael Jordan to the Max," "Dolphins" and "Mysteries of Egypt." "Dolphins," narrated by Pierce Brosnan and featuring the music of Sting, will close Sept. 14 and "Mysteries of Egypt," with actors Omar Sharif and Kate Maberly, will begin Sept. 15. For more information on ticket prices or show times, call (806) 745-2525.

MISS AMARILLO AREA
Miss Amarillo Area Scholarship Organization is searching for the next Miss Amarillo Area. An orientation is in the office Sept. 10 and the scholarship pageant, slated Nov. 4 at Amarillo Civic Center, is open to women between the ages of 17 and 24 who have never been married. The four phases of the competition are: Interview,

Talent, Evening Gown and Physical Fitness in Swim Wear. MAASO awarded over \$20,000 in cash and in-kind scholarships during the 1999 pageant. Participants are also being sought for the Mrs. and Junior pageants to be held Sept. 17 at the civic center. For more information, call Patti Stapp, (806) 359-6690 or 353-3937.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org>, on the Internet.

FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT
First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

PALO DURO BENEFIT
Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets — to be available at the door — are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext. 0.

ALL-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host "All-Faith Worship Services" beginning at 9 a.m. throughout the month of August at the Cottonwood Day Use Area. In case of inclement weather, the services will be relocated to the Old West Stables. Park fees will be waived for the service only. For more information, contact the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus

influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 9 and 12, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 1-4 p.m., Aug. 22, Family Clinic, McLean.

LIFE AFTER LOSS
American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Sept. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14 and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

BOY SCOUTS
The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

CASE
Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone

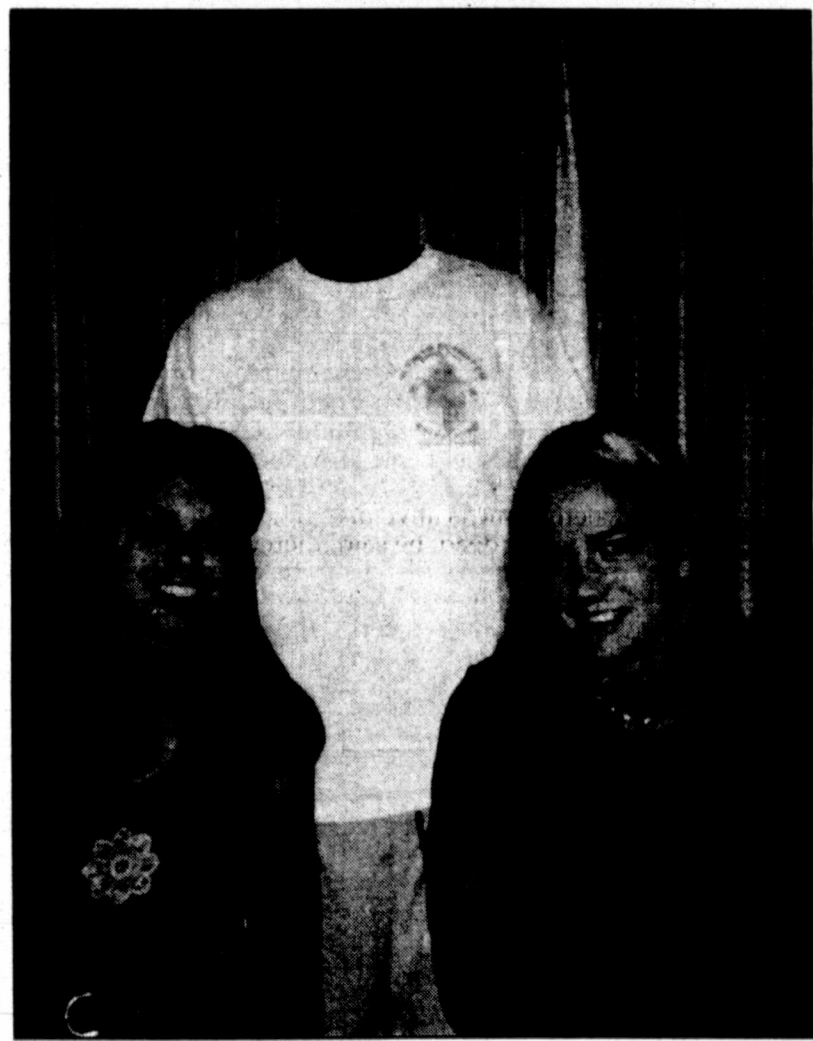
wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Berger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

AFS exchange student



(Special photo)

AFS exchange student new to Pampa High School this fall is Heidi Amundsen, right, visiting with host brother and sister Megan and Michael Martinez.

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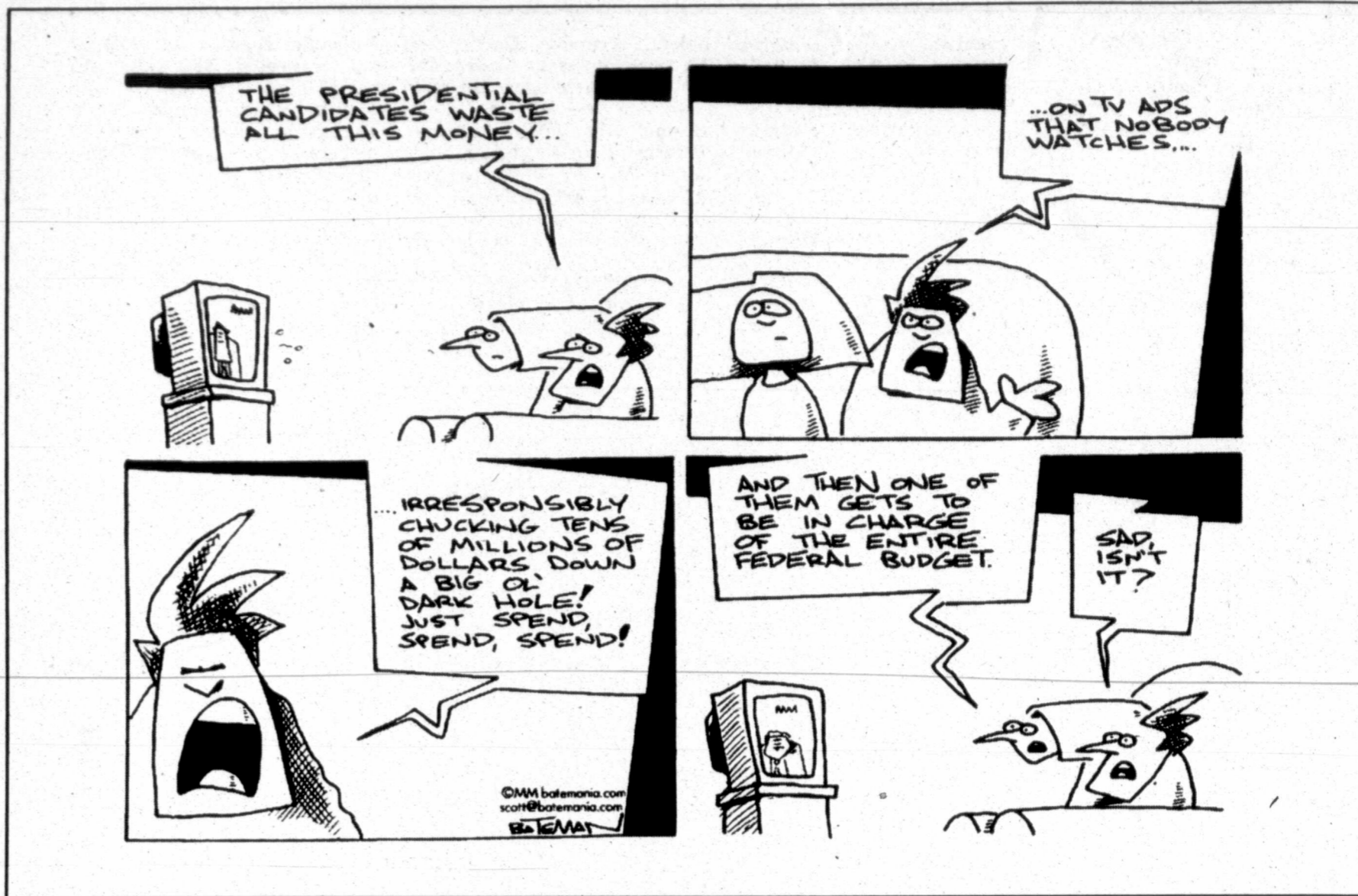
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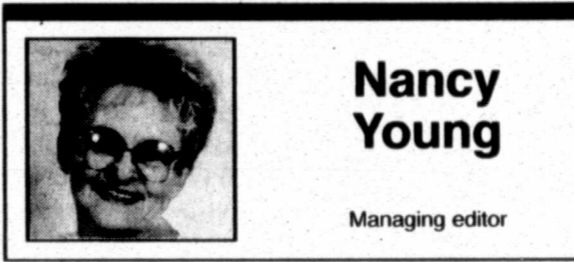
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Inside the Beltway
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 Rep. Mac Thornberry

Laughter is good for the soul



Nancy Young
 Managing editor

Strengthening seniors retirement security

People are human and their humanness comes to light in everyday life. We in the newspaper field encounter, and sometimes make, grammatical errors which can give an entirely different meaning to a story than is intended.

A few days ago I was reading Christian Soup for the Christian Soul when I came across a very humorous Wholly Holy Bloopers. I really needed something to laugh about at the time, so it was quite welcome.

In submitting the bloopers Richard Lederer from Anguished English said the tradition of holy howlers popping up in religiously related documents continues undimmed. And it does.

The following bloopers are a sampling of bona fide ones which were culled by Lederer from various church bulletins and orders of service. They are for your enjoyment as laughter is good for the soul:

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they can be seen in the church basement Friday afternoon.
- On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expense of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet will please come forward to get a piece of paper.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.

Regardless of how you view them, the Golden Years are supposed to be a special time of our lives — which is one of the reasons Congress has taken action this year in a number of key areas to strengthen retirement security.

This past spring, for example, Congress passed a bill that repeals the Social Security earnings limit, so seniors can hold down a job without having their Social Security benefits penalized. Also in the spring, the House passed a budget plan that, for the second year in a row, prevents Social Security tax dollars from being spent on other government programs.

In June, a voluntary prescription drug benefit was passed in an effort to provide seniors with the prescription drugs they need without bankrupting the Medicare system on which they depend. And just recently, the House voted to repeal the 1993 tax on Social Security benefits which costs seniors an average of \$1,180 a year. Repealing this tax will help over 462,000 seniors in the State of Texas alone by letting them keep more of the benefits they earned and are due to receive.

Needless to say, there is more to be done and some of these bills still must be signed into law. But by taking action in this area, Congress is taking a step toward strengthening retirement security and is trying to make sure that the Golden Years of all Americans are truly something to which we can all look forward.

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By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, Aug. 31, the 244th day of 2000. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Aug. 31, 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-day-old strike.

On this date:
 In 1886, an earthquake rocked Charleston, S.C., killing up to 110 people.
 In 1887, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope, a device which produced moving pictures.
 In 1888, Mary Ann Nicholls was found murdered in London's East

End in what is generally regarded as the first slaying committed by Jack the Ripper.

In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve" debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern United States, resulting in nearly 70 deaths.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1985, Richard Ramirez, later convicted of California's "Night Stalker" killings, was captured by

residents of an East Los Angeles neighborhood.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, Calif.

In 1988, 14 people were killed when a Delta Boeing 727 crashed during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Ten years ago: UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met twice with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Amman, Jordan, trying to negotiate a solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

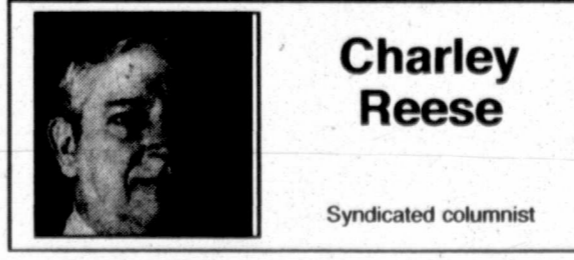
Five years ago: At the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, Judge Lance Ito ruled the defense could play only two examples of

police detective Mark Fuhrman's racist comments from taped conversations with a screenwriter.

One year ago: Detroit's teachers went on strike, wiping out the first day of class for 172,000 students in one of the largest teachers' strikes in years. (The walkout lasted nine days.) An LAPA Boeing 737-200 crashed on takeoff from Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 72 people, including five on the ground.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Daniel Schorr is 84. Comedian Buddy Hackett is 76. Actor James Coburn is 72. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 65. Actor Warren Berlinger is 63. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 61.

Is the world really getting warmer?



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

Watch out. A new ice age is coming. The New York Times has reported that the temperature near the surface, as measured by satellites, has averaged below normal in the Southern Hemisphere for the 16th consecutive month.

That's not all, folks. Some parts of the Northeast had the coolest July in 100 years, and Cold Harbor, Alaska — my nominee for the most appropriately named city just had the coldest winter since recording of temperatures began in 1940. The glaciers are coming.

All of the above, except for the part about the glaciers, is true. (The part about the glaciers could be true, but if it is, I don't know it.) I'm just trying to even out the hysteria. If the global-warming (read that socialist, anti-energy) types can wax hysterical about a few heat waves, then I thought I would balance that with a little fear-mongering about cold snaps.

Is the world really getting warmer, as the Chicken Littles claim? I don't know. Some folks with credentials say it is, and some folks with credentials say it isn't. If it is, is it a natural warming or an unnatural warming? You've got a whole 'nother argument about that.

You have to keep reminding yourself that when someone on television says "hottest on record," that person is talking only about the hottest since the 1880s or even later, which is about the time that records started being kept. Old Mamma Earth is a heap older than that.

Long before man was plentiful enough to be noticed, Old Mamma Earth had her chills and her fevers. She and Mr. Sun seem to work those things out without our help.

A lot of official temperature readings for cities are taken at places that, through the years, have become surrounded by urban growth. Cities, being mostly asphalt and concrete, are heat-collectors.

It could be that it's getting warmer in the Northern Hemisphere and cooler in the Southern Hemisphere. Maybe Earth is gradually starting to tilt. Maybe the sun is putting out a little more energy. Maybe this and suppose that, and models (the computer kind, not the lookers) suggest whatever. Whenever people talk about the distant past or the future, most of what they say is plain speculation, which is a fancy word for supposin' and guessin'.

As for me, beyond keeping a weather eye out for a hurricane that could throw the birdbath

through my sliding-glass doors, I don't care what the weather does. If it gets warmer, I'll take off more clothes; if it gets colder, I'll put more on.

As I get older, I scratch things off my list of things to worry about, and, to tell you the truth, long-term climate changes never made my list in the first place. Nothing strikes me as silly as people with short-term life spans worrying themselves sick about long-term climate changes.

You do understand, I hope, that this global-warming bit is a scam. With today's sophisticated grafters, it doesn't matter whether global warming is true or false. Either way, they can scam you into giving the government more power and ultimately the energy companies more profits.

Given the fact that the government does such a generally poor job of such mundane tasks as building roads or maintaining an army, it's my contention that it is totally unqualified to play God and to muck about with the climate by controlling energy use.

Of course, because the majority of folks have lost their faith in God, more and more of them aspire to be God and tell the rest of us how to run our lives. People with such grandiose ideas of themselves are best ignored and kept away from power.

Each of us has more than enough to do just tending to his or her own affairs. As for the cosmos and its climates, I'll leave them to God.

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Texas groups have initiative to reduce underage drinking

By CHRIS FLETCHER
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Fed up with Texas' status as the nation's leader in youth fatalities from alcohol-related crashes, a coalition of state and citizen groups launched a campaign Wednesday to reduce underage drinking.

Led by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the statewide push includes a telephone hotline to report illegal activities, advertising on 200 billboards in metropolitan areas, and distribution of 50,000 posters to schools and law enforcement agencies.

"This campaign is about saving lives. It's about everybody getting involved," said TABC enforcement chief Greg Hamilton. "If underage drinking hasn't affected us today, it's just around the corner."

Last year, 224 Texans under the age of 21 died in traffic accidents caused by drunken drivers. It's a statistical category the state has led for years, Hamilton said.

"But that's only the traffic fatalities," he noted. "Our kids are dying from alcohol poisoning, also ... Our kids are not drinking socially, they're drinking to get drunk. And they're hurting themselves."

He believes Texas' problems stem as much from culture as demographics.

"A lot of parents say, 'All Johnny is doing is drinking beer. He's just growing up.' It's socially acceptable right now," Hamilton said. "I can see that tide changing as all these deaths occur, but that's too late. ... Let's prevent these deaths."

Government officials and police joined representatives of grassroots organizations Wednesday in unveiling a prototype of the new roadside signs, which were donated by Eller Media, an outdoor advertising company based in Phoenix, Ariz.

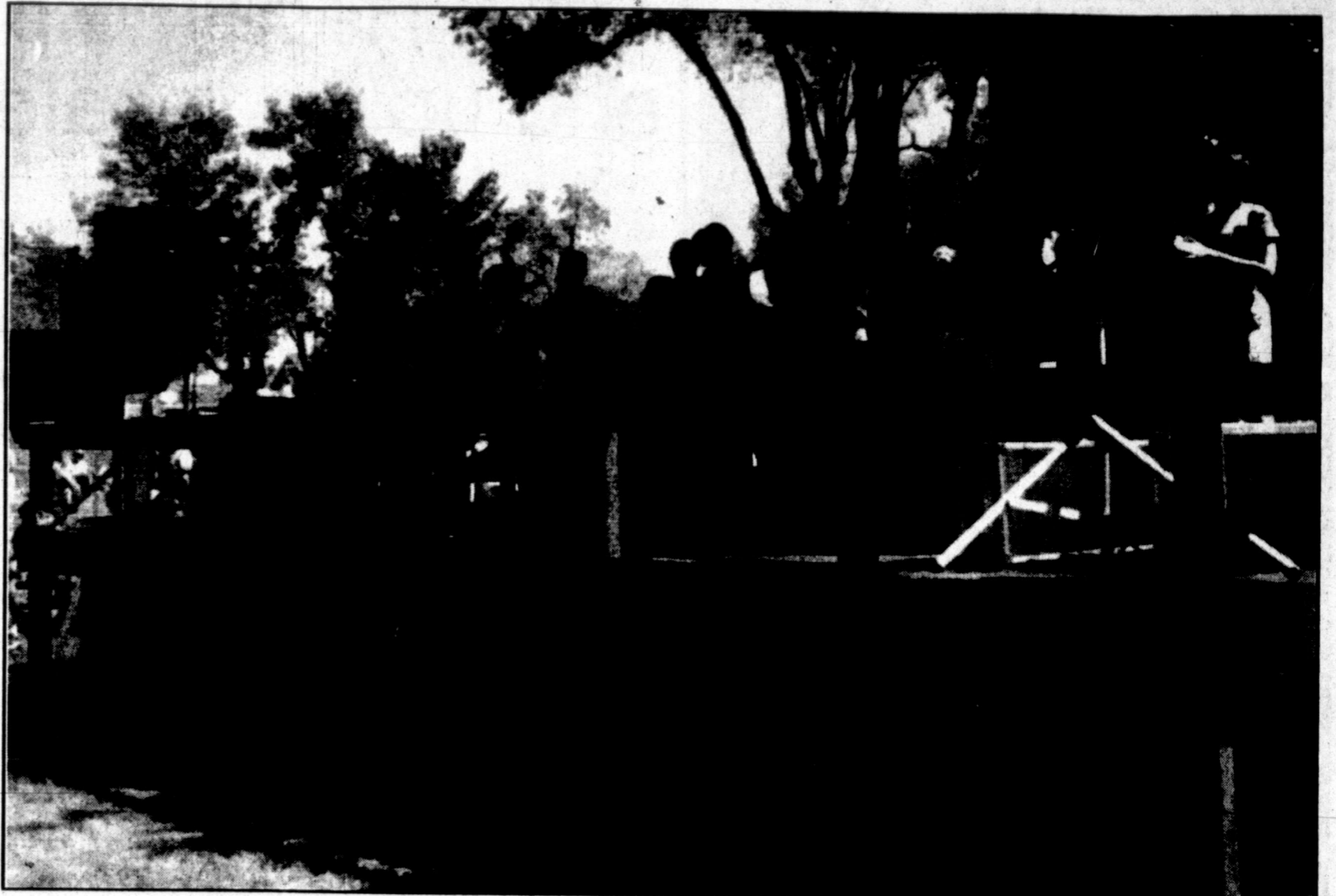
The billboards, which resemble Texas flags with the message, "Report Underage Alcohol Violations. Call 1-888-The TABC," will soon be popping up around Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

Officials hope the 24-hour hotline will receive anonymous tips ranging from sightings of drunken drivers, to reports of underage drinking at parties, to sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. Operators will relay every tip to TABC agents or local law enforcement, officials said.

The \$120,000 initiative, which officials said may be Texas' largest-ever campaign against underage drinking, aims to reduce both supply and demand.

"We often forget that youth do not promote, profit from or produce alcohol. We as adults do, and it's time we looked at the whole equation of underage drinking," said Robin Linaard of Texans Standing Tall, a citizens group focused on youth alcohol issues.

"Don't drink and drive" is an excellent message, but it's important that youth under 21 understand that they don't drink at all. It's the law," she said.



Traditionally the Pampa High School Show Choir performs at noon on Labor Day at Chautauqua in Central Park. The group is one of several musical groups that provide a full schedule of free entertainment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the stage.

Singer, activist Pete Seeger has Lyme disease, wife says

BEACON, N.Y. (AP) — Folk singer and activist Pete Seeger has been diagnosed with Lyme disease, his wife says.

Toshi Seeger, reached by telephone Monday at the couple's home in Beacon, said her husband had been feeling sick and recently learned of the diagnosis.

Lyme disease is caused by a microbe that is spread to humans through a tick bite. The disease can cause headache, fever, stiff joints and fatigue. It can be treated effectively with antibiotics.

Mrs. Seeger said it isn't yet clear how severe a case Seeger has contracted.

She said her husband was resting at home Monday. He hopes to keep all his performing commitments, she said.

Seeger, 81, who is known for championing environmental, labor and other causes, started his career 62 years ago. He reached commercial success in the 1950s with the Weavers.

He's known for co-writing the folk classic "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and also wrote or co-wrote "If I Had a Hammer," "Turn, Turn, Turn," and "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine."

Internet attracts crucial segments of news watchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key segments of the nation's news audience, particularly younger and better-educated Americans, and those seeking financial information, are turning increasingly to the Internet, says a new poll on media trends.

The Web's rapid growth as a source for news continues a splintering of that audience among the Internet, cable and broadcast television, and print publications.

"People have so many different ways of communicating with one another and learning about the outside world that the environment in which the news is put out and received is very different from five years ago," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, which conducted the survey.

A third of the public now goes online for news at least once a week, compared to a fifth two years ago, according to the Pew poll. Fifteen percent get daily reports from the Internet, almost three times the number two years ago.

The credibility of Internet news sources varies widely, with the highest ratings given to Web sites run by network or cable TV outlets or national newspapers. Well-known Internet names like America Online, Netscape and Yahoo ranked higher on credibility than lesser-known sites.

For active financial investors, the Internet largely has supplanted traditional media as the leading source for stock quotes and investment advice, the poll suggested. Almost half of active traders, 45 percent, said the Internet was their main source for stock market updates.

Slightly more than half of those polled, 54 percent, said they go online sometimes to access the Internet or use e-mail. That number has more than doubled from 23 percent in July 1996.

Some find the wealth of information overwhelming. Almost a third, 30 percent, said they feel overloaded — up slightly from 23 percent five years ago — while twice as many, or 62 percent, said they liked having the information available.

The poll of 3,142 people, taken from April 20 through May 13, has an error margin of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points, slightly higher for subgroups.

Newspapers went through a difficult period in the 1970s and 1980s due to increasing options on television and other changes in American lifestyles. Newspaper readership has held relatively steady since then, with almost two-thirds saying they read a paper regularly, according to the poll.

Now, it is the television industry — particularly broadcast — that is feeling pinched by the fast growth of the Web and cable TV as optional sources of information, Kohut said.

"I think what we're seeing more and more is a news consumer wanting news on his or her schedule, and not on someone else's schedule," said Barbara Cochran, president of the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

The industry as a whole is feeling a pressure more troubling than competition between outlets. The appetite for news is slipping — from 53 percent in 1994 who closely followed the news to 45 percent. Fewer than a third of young adults said they enjoy keeping up with the news.

The percentage of people who say they regularly watch network evening news programs has dropped from almost four-in-10 in February 1997 to three-in-10 in the Pew survey — a trend also reflected in the Nielsen ratings. Another 30 percent said they watch these programs sometimes.

Growth of interest in Internet news, however, is not coming quickly enough for some journalists. Salon Magazine last week announced layoffs and budget cuts, and APBNews.com, which reports on crime and the justice system, shut down and fired all 140 staffers.

"Increasingly, news organizations that are going to be successful have to offer news on a 24-hour basis," Cochran said, noting the growth of prime-time news magazines, network news Web sites, regional news networks and alliances between broadcast news, the Internet and cable news. Local news interest has not eroded as much, she said.

Multiple sources of information means Americans will have "less in common with each other," said Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, even as it "enhances our ability to specialize."

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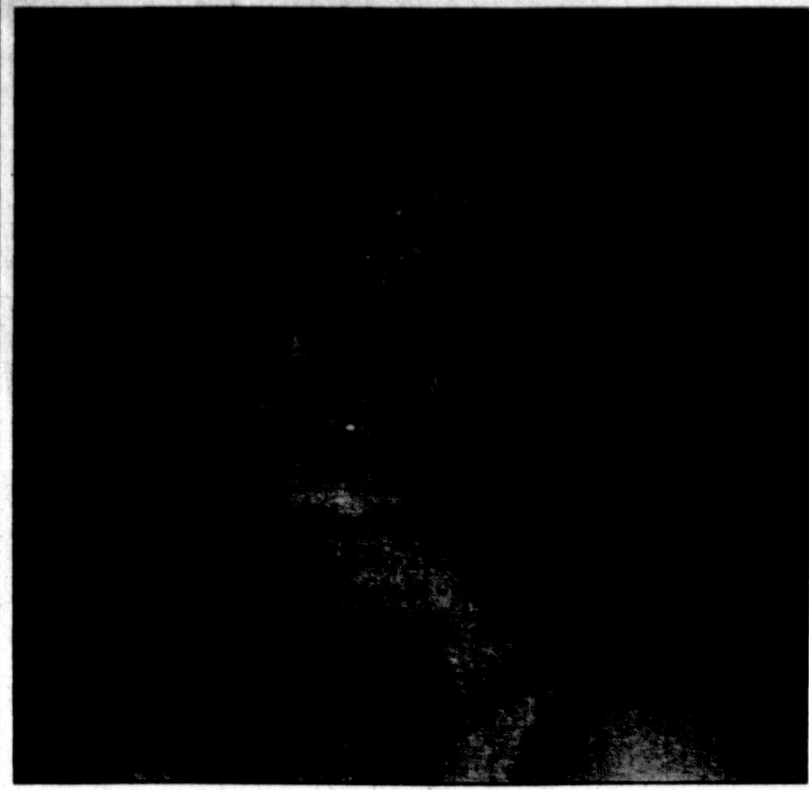
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Lions Club Sweetheart



(Special photo)

Kimberly Grice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kit E. Grice, was the Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month for August. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Pampa High School Latin Club, D-Fy-It, peer tutoring, PHS Band, PHS Winterguard, Band Council, senior drum major, National Honor Roll, Presidential Scholar and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Grice attends First Baptist Church and plans to pursue a degree in Management Information Systems at Oklahoma State University.

TDH: Recalled products still may end up on resale store shelves

AUSTIN — It can be frustrating when the hand-me-down clothes don't fit your child, your grandmother's antique cradle does not match the sleek Scandinavian look in the rest of the house or the lamp you found at the neighborhood thrift shop does not work. It's devastating when such special finds lead to injuries or even death.

Shopping resale stores can be a real bargain. After all, it's spring and people tend to clean out closets, garages and store-rooms, getting rid of things they no longer use. But what you find in resale or thrift shops may not necessarily be safe to use. Some items may have been recalled, even years earlier.

"Recalled items are hazardous products," said Charles Branton, director of the Product Safety Division at Texas Department of Health. "People, especially children, have been injured or killed using them. But they keep resurfacing." Items such as toys, children's furniture, household appliances, decorative items, clothing, sports equipment or

On average, one consumer item is recalled every business day of the year. TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products annually. When a recall is first issued, the item comes off store shelves while the public is urged to return the item to the store where they were purchased.

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—The retailer who originally sold the item;

—Notices carried by the media;

—The Internet at TDH's website at www.tdh.state.tx.us;

—A subscription to the CPSC Fax-on-Demand Service; and

—The manufacturer directly by mail.

"Registration cards that come with a new product are an important way for manufacturers to keep track of buyers and let them know about any recall," Branton said.

More difficult to track are recalled items after they are in use. Unfortunately, according to Branton, these products may eventually be resold by unwary

consumers — again and again — to thrift stores or at flea markets and garage sales. Many small resale shops do not get the information on recalled products directly from the manufacturer, so TDH's product safety inspectors work year round with shop owners and managers to keep them informed about items that are dangerous and have been recalled.

"One week a year, during Recall Round-Up, we make a special effort to raise the awareness of resale shop owners and managers," Branton said. This year, the week recognized for Recall Round-up is April 18-20 and 24. "The Round-Up also serves to remind the public to be safety conscious. If recalled products are still in use anywhere, they are still dangerous," he said.

This year's focus is on items such as infant car seats, swimming pool dive sticks, television carts, cribs, play yards, halogen torchiere floor lamps, cedar chests, infant swings, toy basketball nets, bunk beds, hair dryers and old chest freezers with heavy lids that latch. Hazards range from falls, strangulation, entrapment and suffocation to fires, burns and electrocution.

Branton suggested that consumers check items at home for safety hazards. "You may not remember a specific recall, but you may suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems. That's when people should stop using items. We hope through education that we can get these products both off store shelves and out of homes," he said.

For help identifying recalled products or to report an unsafe consumer product or product-related injury, contact the TDH Product Safety Division at (512) 834-6773 or visit the TDH website at www.tdh.state.tx.us under Toy/Child Product Safety.

Information also is available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov or by fax 24 hours a day by subscription. Fax-on-Demand Service may be ordered by calling (301) 504-0051. Information for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8720. Consumers also can report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov. For a list of major recalls, send a postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

If an item is recalled, consumers should stop using it immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for either repair or replacement.

Kelton ex-student reunion in offing

All Kelton ex-students are wanted for a reunion in 2000. Ex-students and teachers will begin registering at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, in the Kelton gymnasium. Coffee and donuts will be available for early registration.

If you are a Kelton Ex-student and did not receive any information, call (806) 826-5654 and make reservations for the steak dinner that will be served at noon. The noon meal will be catered by Red River Steak House of McLean and is \$7 per person. Chicken strips for children are also available.

Following the noon meal, a short program will be held with the opportunity for some to share some of their fondest memories of Kelton.

Saturday evening there will be several class parties held in the surrounding area. The classes of 1945-50 will have a party in the home of Kenneth and Audra Killingsworth at 415 S. Madden in Shamrock. The classes of 1951-57 will meet in the home of Billy and Carolyn Buckingham located 1/2 mile east of the Kelton School. The classes of 1958-60 will meet in the home of Garland and Rachel Moore. The classes of 1961 will meet in the home of Bob and Linda Hink. The classes of 1980-'00's meeting place will be announced Saturday.

The reunion committee is planning a great reunion and hope each ex-student will make an effort to attend. For those worried about the heat, arrangements have been made for the gymnasium to be air conditioned that day. Ex-teachers, family and friends are all invited to attend. The Roar of the Lions will be heard again!

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Pampa P.E.O. to hold book review fund-raiser

P.E.O. Pampa Chapter CS will hold a Brunch and Book Review at 10 a.m. Sept. 16 at Pampa Country Club. Carol Headrick will conduct the review of the book, "The Wheel of Life - A Memoir of Living and Dying." The book is a memoir of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, M.D.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from P.E.O. members or by calling 665-0171 or 665-7064 no later than Sept. 11. Proceeds benefit P.E.O.'s scholarship fund.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization which began with seven members on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College in 1869 and has grown into an international organization with 257,000 members in the U.S. and Canada. The organization owns Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., provides low interest loans through the Educational Loan Fund, and awards scholarships through the Program for Continuing Education, International Peace Scholarships and P.E.O. Scholarship Awards.

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Local woman will demonstrate with her spinning wheel during Chautauqua 2000

By DARLENE BIRKES
For The News

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encouraged to raise sheep because of the lack of employment opportunities. "This is excellent wool," said Burt, who has been spinning for nearly 12 years.

Spinning actually became a family project after Burt had

expressed an interest. She received a spinning wheel one Christmas, and then her daughter presented her with a how-to book.

She now has moved from scarves into hats. She knits a turban type hat of handspun

yarn then machine washes it, which she calls felting. The shrunken hat is then placed on a mold to dry. Burt finishes the hat with varied edging and decor.

Another of her interests is rug twining, and she will demonstrate on a loom the art of weaving rag rugs or mats during Chautauqua which is sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Linda's husband, J.C. Burt, is pastor of the Barrett Baptist Church, and she is a dealer for Majacraft spinning wheels.

PPHM art show, gala in offing

CANYON — "Canyon Rhythms" art show, gala and auction will present original art from Southwest artists amid the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's regional artifacts Sept. 9 and 10. The art show and sale fund-raiser is held annually to benefit PPHM in Canyon.

Artists participating in the event include Phil Poirier, San Christobal, N.M.; Daryl Howard, Austin; Lila Hahn, Yuma, Colo.; Jared Davis, Crawford, Colo.; Doug Ricketts, Higgins; B.J. Briner, ArroyoSeco, N.M.; Doyle Goebel and Curtis Nazworth, Amarillo; Michael Untiedt, Denver, Colo.; Melanie Fain, Boerne; Alix Christian, Amarillo; and Michael Obranovich, Dallas. Each artist will bring works from their respective art form, which includes furniture, glass, pottery, batik, painting, sculpture and jewelry.

The Canyon Rhythms Gala is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 9 and will feature the artists and their work. Gala guests will have a chance to meet each artist while cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are being served, and later purchase artwork in the auction. Hugo Lowenstern will be on hand to play big band music for guests to listen to in the moonlight of the windowed oil derrick room.

Individual tickets for the evening are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling the museum at (806) 651-2244.

The art show and sale will take place from 12-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. Museum admission is free Saturday and Sunday. Guests may view the PPHM's collection of Texas and Southwest art, including an exhibit featuring a retrospective of H.D. Bugbee's work, or take the kids to see the dinosaurs and experience the thrill of the Old West at the largest history museum in Texas.

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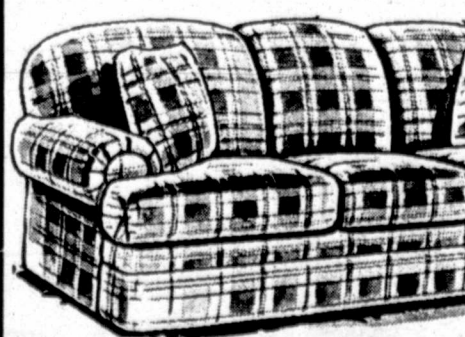
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Two loving and caring friends have helped me through the bad times with encouragement and advice. I often heed their advice, since most of the time it has been good and held true. However, I recently made a decision that has caused a rift between us and this disturbs me.

My son (age 30) and my daughter-in-law (24) have invited me to live with them until I complete my schooling, and I have accepted their invitation. This eases my financial burden (tuition, books, bills, life) greatly. They both have good jobs, no children yet, and are solid and easygoing. My girlfriends are appalled that I could live with my children who have been married only two years! They feel I would be invading their privacy and giving up mine, along with my independence. I assured them that this is only a temporary arrangement, since I have only a year and a half to finish school. I told them the most important factor is that it is OK with my children and OK with me.

My kids and I have discussed privacy issues and personal issues, and we all feel very comfortable with this. One of my friends said she wouldn't visit me at their home because she would "feel uncomfort-



Abigail Van Buren

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able." My other friend told me she just doesn't feel that this is right. I love my friends dearly, but I am getting that eerie feeling of "control" from them that I had in my marriage. Am I right, or just paranoid? I'm afraid of making the wrong decision.

My children and I really do feel comfortable with the whole thing. Should I tell my friends it's time to "let me go" and lead my own life now? My friends also disagree with the friendship my ex-husband, his wife and I have. My ex and I both sought counseling during and after our divorce which uncovered a lot of hurt and allowed a lot of healing for both of us.

Help! These two are driving me crazy!

JANE IN YAKIMA, WASH.

DEAR JANE: You appear to have your life on track after many unhappy years. Your friends may be well-meaning, but threatening not to visit as long as you live with your son and his wife is blackmail. Don't

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Unexpected news twists your plans. You're high-energy and focused. Take on a project and bring it to completion, or at least move it along. Others seek you out and give you another perspective. You bound forward. Examine your long-term objectives. Tonight: Party your way out the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Pace yourself. You are unusually directed, especially when it comes to a personal or domestic issue. Another's information and feedback could easily overwhelm you. Bosses create the unexpected. You juggle your needs with office demands. Nurture those in your day-to-day environment. Tonight: Relax with co-workers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You're playful and ready to start your weekend. News from a distance knocks on your door. You could react, and you might need to regroup. Read between the lines with a boss or supervisor who often doesn't cleanly make requests. Keep asking questions. Isolate what another expects from you. Tonight: Get together with a fun friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Money news tosses you into chaos and forces you to regroup. You know what you need to do, but you might not be happy. Spending appears to be inevitable. Discuss different ways to spruce up your income. Others brainstorm with you. Listen to a suggestion. Know that there is a solution. A partner acts strangely. Tonight: Mosey on home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Take the initiative. Do not sit on the fence. If you are uncomfortable with another's response, let this person know. Discussions prove to be lively, but it is important to air your views as well. Field calls and return messages. You clear your desk. The unexpected jolts you. Another always surprises you. Tonight: Reach out for your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Expenses might be out of control as you use spending to work through your more uncomfortable feelings. Work produces unexpected demands. Evaluate your needs carefully. Focus on productivity and getting the job done. Take time to buy a token gift or card for a loved one. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Focus on what you want. Others respond. A meeting opens doors and brings unexpected results. A child or loved one knows how to create excitement in your life. Recognize your need for action and change. Your love of life emerges with others. Tonight: Your smile draws others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Be quiet and think before you do an unprecedented reaction. You do the unexpected, and others react. A boss is unusually demanding. Listen to feed-

back, even if you are uncomfortable. Take time to yourself. If need be, isolate yourself to get the job done. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** News energizes you. Zero in on what you want. Others cheer you on. You find others' reactions unpredictable, but you know how to work with a boomerang or two. Remember, surprises add to your zest for life. Don't put off a phone call. Take a risk and reach out for another. Tonight: Cheer in the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** An associate has a way of pushing you. Recognize that this person motivates you, even if you often don't like what comes down. Take charge of work and clear your desk. You might not be able to solidify a financial agreement just yet. You might have missed a step or skipped a detail. Tonight: Clean up your desk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Eye news and explore options. Get past rigidity or self-imposed restrictions. Make calls. Another touches a sore spot with a comment. See past his words and understand what motivated this remark. You grow because of your ability to let go of judgments and attitudes. As a result, another admires you. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You carefully consider another's actions. Dig into work and get the job done. A discussion with an associate motivates you, but at the same time it could make you uncomfortable. Work with others. A stunning insight takes you in a new direction. Be more aware of your motivations. Tonight: Make nice.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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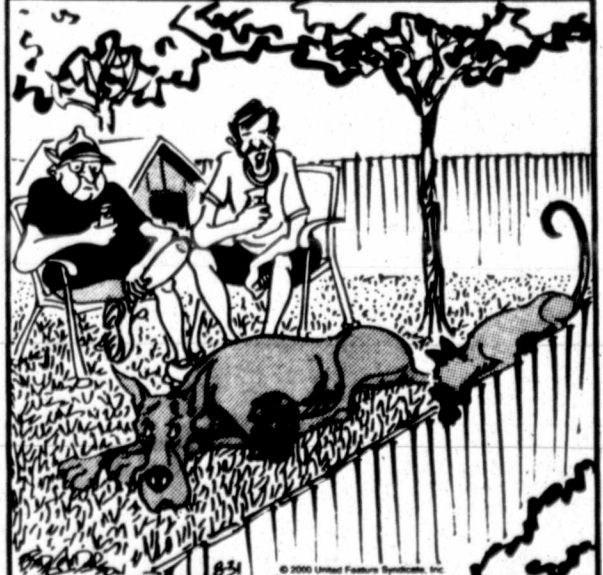
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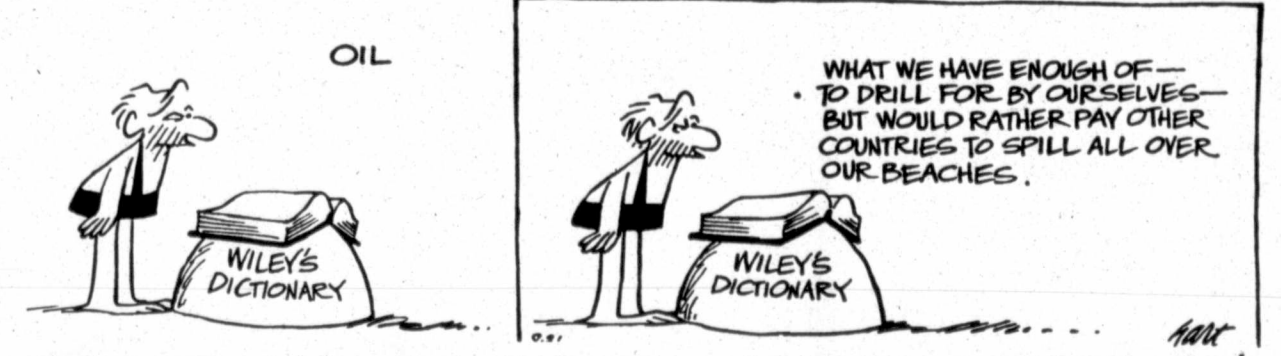
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SPORTS

Harvesters appear ready for season football opener

PAMPA — After two weeks of preparation, all the i's appear to have been dotted and the t's crossed going into the Pampa Harvesters' football opener Friday night against the Dalhart Golden Wolves in Harvester Stadium.

"To my recollection, this is most comfortable I've ever felt going into the first game," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier. "I feel very comfortable and confident because I've got such a good group of boys. They have a willingness to bond as a team, their attitude and spirit are very high. I'm a firm believer in team bonding. That's the most important thing in football."

Cavalier has both his offense and defense set for the 2000 opener. Quarterback J.J. Roark (180-pound sr.) will direct the offense, which will put more emphasis on the passing game this season. Terrance Lemons (195-pound sr.) will be at tailback and Thomas Long (210-pound senior) will be at fullback.

Up front the Harvesters will have Jeff Warren (265-pound sr.) at center; Daniel Abernathy (220-pound sr.) and Jon Lambright (290-pound jr.) at tackles. Daniel Rivera (210-pound junior) will be at right guard while Trent Price (215-pound jr.) and Chris Tice (180-pound jr.) will share duties at left guard. Alternating at tight end will be Luis Salazar (180-pound jr.) and Jon East (190-pound junior). Armando Tarango (135-pound jr.) will be at flanker and Randy Tice (155-pound jr.) and Tony Beck (160-pound sr.) will take turns at



(Pampa News photo by Lance Burton)

Pampa's Chris Lewis, Jason Burklow and Tanner Dyer are put through a series of agility drills at practice earlier this week. The Harvesters open the 2000 football season against Dalhart at 7:30 Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

split end. The defense will be led by Andy Schroeder (235-pound sr.), who returns for his third year at as a starter. Schroeder will start at end while the other end position will be shared by

Ricky Blain (180-pound sr.) and Oscar Ortega (175-pound jr.). The middle will be manned by Taylor Harris (240-pound sr.) at tackle and Jake Bolin (170-pound jr.) at noseguard. Jason Burklow (190-pound sr.) will be

at middle linebacker while the outside linebackers will be Tanner Dyer (160-pound jr.) and Chris Lewis (160-pound jr.). Aaron Willis (170-pound junior) will be alternating with either Dyer or Lewis.

Ryan Nash (160-pound jr.) and Tristan Perry (145-pound sr.) will be at cornerbacks. Lane Baker (165-pound sr.) is the strong safety while Orlando Madrid (180-pound jr.) and Josh Baker (160-pound sr.) will share

free safety. Tarango will be the punter. Tim Kettenring (135-pound sophomore) will kick off and also kick field goals and extra points. Warren will be the deep snapper.

Pitching rules National League behind Johnson, Reed and Ortiz

Randy Johnson, Rick Reed and Russ Ortiz made it a day to savor for baseball purists.

Pitching ruled the National League, with Tom Glavine, Jon Lieber and Darren Dreifort also turning in top efforts Wednesday. A total of 43 runs scored in eight games — then again, they didn't play at Coors Field or Enron Field, either.

"I knew we were in trouble after he threw the first fastball," Montreal manager Felipe Alou said after Johnson pitched a five-hitter to give Arizona a 7-0 victory. "Some of the young guys really struggled out there."

Not all of the hitters were shut out, however.

Sammy Sosa homered twice, giving him a major league-leading 45, for the Chicago Cubs in a 5-1 win over San Diego. Steve Finley connected twice for Arizona and Barry Bonds hit his 39th as San Francisco beat Pittsburgh 2-0.

In other games, New York defeated Houston 1-0, Atlanta downed Cincinnati 5-2, St. Louis beat Florida 4-2, Milwaukee stopped Los Angeles 3-2 and Colorado beat Philadelphia 5-4 in 11 innings.

Johnson (17-5) struck out 10 in his third shutout of the season and 28th of his career.

In his last outing against the Mets, Johnson did not strike out

anyone for the first time since 1989.

At Olympic Stadium, Johnson earned his first victory in five starts against Montreal, the team he made his big league debut with in 1988. The Big Unit has now beaten every team in the majors — except the Diamondbacks, whom he has never faced.

"That's a very good team," Johnson said. "I've watched them the last two nights. They're a team that kind of lays low. When you score a few runs on them, they come right back and string some hits together."

Finley connected twice, giving him 33 home runs. Luis Gonzalez

hit his career-high 27th.

"(Johnson) had a rough outing his last start," Finley said. "He doesn't have too many of those a year, so he came back tonight and redeemed himself and pitched a great ballgame."

Reed teamed with two relievers on a three-hitter at Shea Stadium as New York stayed tied with Atlanta for the NL East lead.

Reed did not allow a hit until the fifth inning. Turk Wendell pitched a perfect eighth and Armando Benitez struck out the side in the ninth for his 36th save.

The only run scored on a wild pitch by Chris Holt in the first inning. It was Houston's first 1-0

loss since Aug. 23, 1996, at St. Louis.

Braves 5, Reds 2=

Glavine stopped Cincinnati with a three-hitter and became the NL's first 18-game winner as Atlanta ended a four-game losing streak.

The Braves held a closed-door meeting after batting practice at Turner Field and came out looking like a first-place team.

Glavine (18-6) won for the 11th time in 12 starts, backed by homers from Andres Galarraga and Javy Lopez.

Braves manager Bobby Cox got his 1,600th victory, passing Tommy Lasorda for 14th place on the career list.

Giants 2, Pirates 0= Ortiz struck out 12, finishing off a fabulous August, and Bonds homered as San Francisco won at Pittsburgh.

Ortiz gave up four hits in seven innings. He was 6-0 with a 1.31 ERA this month.

Bonds hit his 484th career home run. He was not expected to start Thursday at Three Rivers Stadium, where he began his major league career.

Cubs 5, Padres 1=

Lieber pitched eight strong innings as Chicago, supported by Sosa's two homers, beat San Diego at Wrigley Field. Lieber allowed one run and four hits.

Order is restored between Devil Rays, Red Sox

TAMPA BAY, Fla. (AP) — There was no near no-hitter, no beanballs or bench-clearing brawls. Albie Lopez helped restore a bit of order as Boston and Tampa Bay finished up a wild three-game series.

Lopez allowed only four hits in eight innings as the Devil Rays bounced back from a one-hit, brawl-filled loss to the Red Sox the night before by winning 3-1 Wednesday night at Tropicana Field.

"We just came back and played baseball," Tampa Bay manager

Larry Rothschild said. "That's nice to just go through a game after last night and have a normal game."

Boston, which lost two of three at Tampa Bay, fell 1* games behind Cleveland in the race for the AL wild card.

"If you really want to hurt a team, you beat them down the stretch," Rothschild said.

On Tuesday, Pedro Martinez took a no-hitter into the ninth inning against Tampa Bay, and eight Devil Rays were ejected following a pair of bench-clearing

brawls.

There were no such dramatics this night. The Devil Rays had 11 hits against five Boston pitchers and won behind Lopez's sharp pitching.

"For me, it's just good to get a win," Lopez said. "I really wasn't concerned about that. I couldn't allow it to get in my head. It hurts them a lot more if we get a win."

In other AL games, it was New York 5, Seattle 4; Toronto 11, Anaheim 2; Cleveland 5, Texas 3; Chicago 8, Oakland 3; Baltimore

5, Detroit 1; and Kansas City 8, Minnesota 7.

Bobby Smith snapped an 0-for-21 slump with an RBI single in the third inning for Tampa Bay.

Boston's Jeff Fassero (8-8) was dropped from the rotation after allowing three runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings. He will be replaced by Pete Schourek.

The Red Sox were held hitless after Nomar Garciaparra opened the fourth with a single. Roberto Hernandez got the final three outs for his 26th save in 32 chances.

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Mets edge Astros, remain tied with Braves in NL East

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Reed was baffling batters, putting the ball precisely where Mike Piazza held up his glove.

"He's been a lot more aggressive this year, using both sides of the plate, challenging guys," Piazza said Wednesday night after Reed led the New York Mets over the Houston Astros 1-0. "He's not nearly as tentative in a big situation.

With (Moises) Alou and (Jeff) Bagwell, we were charging them. It's as much attitude as making good pitches."

Reed (9-4) combined with two relievers on a three-hitter to make a

first-inning run stand up, and the Mets stayed tied with Atlanta atop the NL East.

He didn't allow a hit until Bill Spiers singled with one out in the fifth, and gave up three hits in seven innings. The Mets got him the run when Benny Agbayani scored on Chris Holt's wild pitch.

"I was watching Piazza a lot," Astros manager Larry Dierker said, "and when he went inside — boom! — the pitch went inside. And when he went outside — boom! — the pitch went outside. I don't think Reed threw more than five or six pitches over the middle of the plate. You're going to beat a guy

with control like that? You have to hit practically every mistake, and we didn't do that."

New York, a major league-best 31-16 since the All-Star break and 79-54 overall, took two of three from Houston despite scoring just six runs in the series.

"It's been pretty much established that the bullpen can hold their leads," Mets first baseman Todd Zeile said. "Pitching in tight games, everyone feels confident in them."

Holt (6-13), who dropped to 0-3 in four career appearances against the Mets, walked Agbayani in the first

and gave up a single to Darryl Hamilton. Agbayani advanced when Edgardo Alfonzo bounced into a double play and came home when Holt bounced a wild curveball to Piazza.

"I jerked it. It was humid and I just pulled it too much," Holt said. "I gave them a run. I didn't think it was going to hold up."

The Mets' third base coach warned Agbayani.

"Cookie Rojas told me to be ready for a wild pitch," Agbayani said. "He had thrown a lot of sliders and throws sinkers."

Turk Wendell pitched a 1-2-3 eighth, and Armando Benitez

who hasn't allowed a hit to a right-handed batter in 35 at-bats since July 14 struck out the side in the ninth for his 36th save in 40 chances.

"They've been doing a great job all year," Reed said, "and I don't see any letup."

Notes: The Mets acquired minor league infielder Jorge Velandia from Oakland for outfield prospect Nelson Cruz. ... The Astros lost a 1-0 game for the first time since Aug. 23, 1996, to St. Louis. ... New York, tied with Atlanta since Monday night, improved to 26-15 in one-run games, while Houston dropped to 10-27, the worst in baseball.

The Mets are 3-2 in 1-0 games. ... Houston was blanked for just the third time this year, while the Mets got their ninth shutout. ... Al Leiter felt better Wednesday, New York manager Bobby Valentine said, a day after the pitcher left after three innings with a strained muscle in his right buttocks in an 11-1 loss to the Astros. ... Mets OF Derek Bell (bruised left knee) felt better, but was still a day or two from playing. ... Piazza hyperextended his knee crossing the first-base bag in the first inning but said it wasn't serious. ... Boston's Nomar Garciaparra is the last right-handed batter to get a hit off Benitez.

Dennis Miller will cut back on comments in broadcast booth

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

Dennis Miller's foray into football commentary is being scrutinized everywhere from NFL team offices to the Internet's "Drudge Report."

So the comedian, aware that preseason ratings for Monday Night Football were down, watched his three performances in the broadcast booth and decided he needs to practice a bit of self-censorship once the regular season gets underway next week.

He plans to cut down on the number of comments he makes.

"Now that we have a real football game, and the game is afoot, and I've learned, I'm going to dial it back in 15 to 20 percent," Miller said Wednesday.

"I'll probably knock out every fifth comment, let it breathe more. ...

"I think less is more."

When Miller was tabbed in June by producer Don Ohlmeyer to join holdover play-by-play announcer Al

Michaels and new analyst Dan Fouts in the "Monday Night Football" booth, the thinking was Miller would bring a fresh approach and draw viewers.

He certainly has produced the expected esoteric wit and random references — the pope, Sylvia Plath and Nancy Sinatra have all found their way into football commentary for what was probably the first time — but he hasn't always been fluid with Fouts and Michaels.

"I'm not pleased with it at this point. I'll keep swinging at it. I see where I need to make my changes," Miller said.

"I'm like a little kid who's trying to balance his bike. I can do it for about a second, but I don't think I quite have it balanced yet."

Ohlmeyer, who produced the show in its heyday in the 1970s and returned this season, said it took the classic three-man announcing team of Frank Gifford, Don Meredith and Howard Cosell about a year to work out the kinks.

"Three in the booth is

tough, and when you have someone that hasn't done it before it's even tougher," Ohlmeyer said. "I think you're going to see the mix continue to improve. ... We've talked to all the announcers about how we can improve the telecast. I don't think there's a time frame on this."

Fouts, for one, insists Miller shouldn't change a thing.

"There are times when he absolutely slays you," the Hall of Fame quarterback said Wednesday.

"There were times when I had to take my headset off, I was laughing so hard."

The preseason games averaged a 7.2 rating, down 24 percent from the 9.5 last year's exhibition games drew.

In his show's defense, Ohlmeyer points out that preseason NFL ratings are down on other networks, too. He also knocked the network for putting two of this year's broadcasts on an hour early because of the political conventions.

"ABC's decision to put the games on at 7 o'clock (EDT)

was a real disservice to all of us," Ohlmeyer said.

Miller, who has been taking about 25 hours to prepare for

each game, said he knows not everyone catches his drift all the time.

"I assume," he said, "at the end of the year, if not enough of them get it, I'll be let go."

Dolphins will start Fiedler at QB

DAVIE, Fla. — Jay Fiedler's preparation proved more important than his performance.

Fiedler will start the Miami Dolphins' season opener next Sunday against Seattle, beating out Damon Huard for the position vacated during the off-season by Dan Marino.

"He's got a better feel for what we're trying to do with the offense than Damon at this point," Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said. "Jay gives the best chance to be successful."

Fiedler, who had arthroscopic surgery Aug. 3 to repair torn cartilage in his right hip, practiced just one day before starting last Friday night's 22-17 victory over the Saints.

Even though he was a bit rusty in the preseason finale, Fiedler's accuracy and decision-making were evident,

Wannstedt said. Against the Saints, Fiedler completed 10 of 14 passes for 109 yards and threw three interceptions in nearly two quarters.

"We've talked about this position every day for four months," Wannstedt said. "We've evaluated, we've been as thorough as you can be."

"We believe and are very confident that this is the best decision for our football team."

Fiedler led the first-team offense to its only touchdown in four preseason games. He took the Dolphins 83 yards in the second quarter, with J.J. Johnson scoring on a 1-yard run. Fiedler passed for 41 yards on the drive.

In three preseason starts, Huard didn't find the end zone.

He completed 34 of 54 pass-

es for 303 yards and threw one interception.

"Damon was disappointed," Wannstedt said. "He's a competitor. He's a winner. But we know how it works in this league. I told Damon, 'It may be Week 16, but you're going to get an opportunity."

"You've just got to be ready when that call comes."

Huard broke into the NFL as an undrafted free agent and has been with the Dolphins since 1997, but never started until last year when Marino was hurt.

He went 4-1 starting in place of Marino.

Fiedler, meanwhile, backed up Mark Brunell last year for Jacksonville, then signed a three-year, \$3.8 million contract with the Dolphins in January.

Ellis is back in Cowboys' lineup

IRVING (AP) — Defensive end Greg Ellis gets to pick up where he left off for the Dallas Cowboys: chasing Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb.

Ellis had his 1999 season ended when he broke his left leg at the end of a play after pursuing McNabb in the opening minutes of a December home game against the Eagles.

He returns to the starting lineup Sunday in the Cowboys' 2000 season opener, another home against Philadelphia.

"I guess it's a big coincidence that the game I left in is the game I'm coming back

to," Ellis said Wednesday. "To pick up where I left off, that would be good."

Before the injury, Ellis had 59 tackles and led the Cowboys with 7 1/2 quarterback sacks (which stood as the team best even after he missed the last four games) and 39 quarterback pressures. He had also scored two touchdowns on an 87-yard interception return and a 98-yard fumble return.

His play quieted some of the critics who still lament Dallas not taking receiver Randy Moss with the No. 8 overall pick in the 1998 draft, and instead selecting Ellis from North Carolina.

Just hours after he broke the

tibia and fibula bones last Dec. 12, Ellis underwent surgery to have a titanium rod inserted into his left leg.

The rehabilitation, initially expected to take up to a year, took much less.

Ellis was out of the hospital in just two days and took part in training camp, though he was brought along slowly before playing the last two preseason games with no problems.

"I feel like it's just sore after I run and stuff with some sharp pains," Ellis said. "Other than that it feels good, but I think that's just me. My body has to get used to me being back on the field again."

Cancer center sponsors golf contest

CANYON — The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Palo Duro Creek Women's Golf Association and Amarillo Women's Golf Association announce the Rally for the Cure, Closest to the Pin Contest from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at Palo Duro Creek Golf Club (50 Country Club Drive) in Canyon.

Participants pay \$15 per attempt for Closest to the Pin Contest.

Every participant whose ball stays on the green

receives a Titleist Pinnacle for Women pink ribbon golf ball. Participants will also receive a 1-year subscription to "Golf for Women" Magazine and a pink ribbon lapel pin. Closest to the Pin Contest prize will be awarded by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Proceeds from the contest benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen,

who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. The Komen Foundation is one of the nation's largest private funders of research dedicated solely to breast cancer.

Since its inception in 1982, the Komen Foundation and its affiliate network has raised in excess of \$90 million for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

For more information on the contest, please contact Barbara Howard at 378-1678.

City softball sign-up deadline is Sept. 8

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Softball Leagues this fall.

The entry fee or sponsor's fees are for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams

added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of Sept. 18.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the fall leagues, contact the


Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

Flashback

1946: Pampa defeated Plainview 25-18 in high school basketball action.

Randall Clay had 8 points and Bill Speer 6 for the Harvesters.

The loss snapped Pampa's four-game losing streak.



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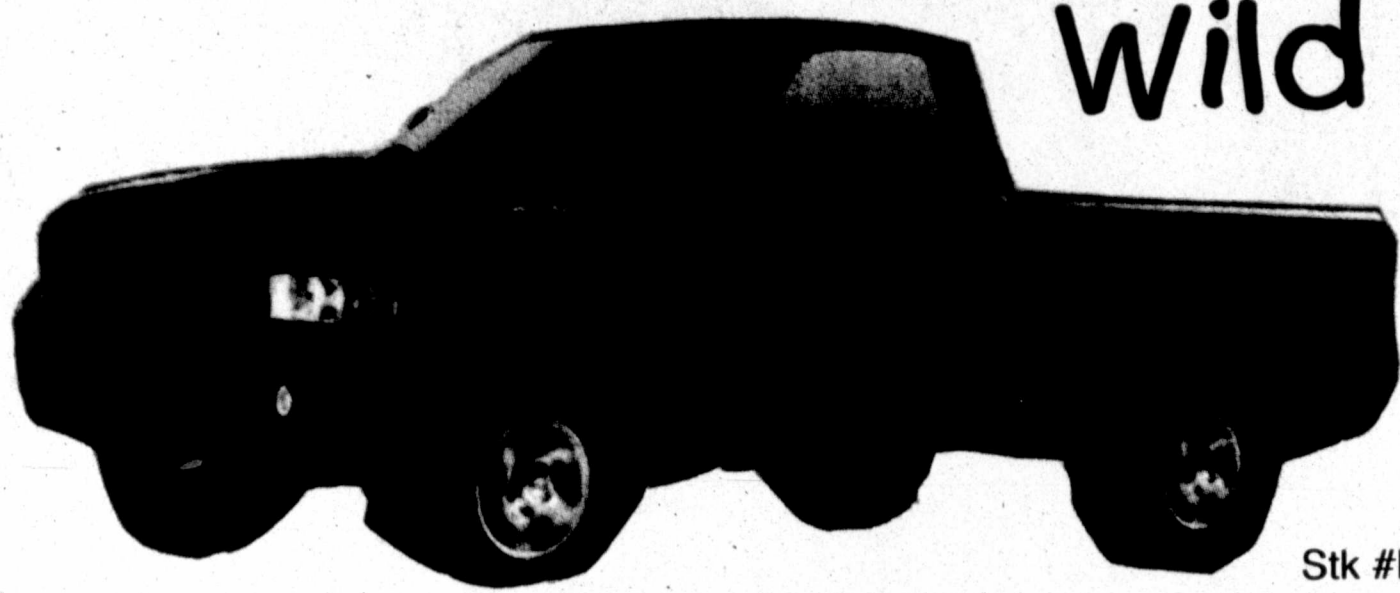
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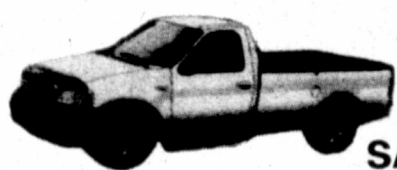
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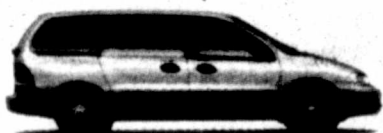
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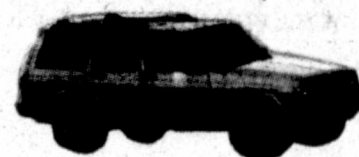
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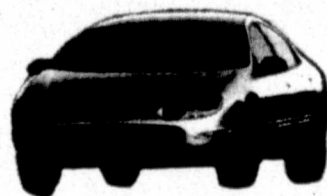
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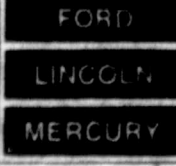


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